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The Board of Supervisors oversees numerous public commissions on a wide variety of issues. A number of these commissions play a vital role in many county decision-making processes; among the activities commissions often undertake are the conducting of public hearings regarding both administrative and legislative issues.

However, while adhering to the Brown Act, not all county commissions conduct public hearings in a uniform manner mirroring this Board of Supervisors. There are times when large crowds gather for public hearings and time management of a commission's time is essential to provide the greatest opportunity to hear as many speakers as possible. Most public-bodies, the Board of Supervisors and the MTA as examples, use "speaker request" cards as an organizational, time-management tool, but this is not universal with all county commissions.

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In terms of public hearings conducted by county commissions, I believe that there should be a universal protocol used by all commissions, as adopted by this Board of Supervisors, including the use of "speaker- request" cards.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THIS BOARD instruct the CEO and the Executive Office to:

1. Institute the procedure that, as of August 12, 2008, all county commissions conducting public hearings under Brown Act Rules employ the use of "Speaker Request" Cards as a time management tool; and
2. That the CEO and Executive Officer return to this Board in ~~60 days~~ 4 weeks with recommendations towards the adoption of uniform public hearing protocols, as used by this Board, to be applied to all county commissions.

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